

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004. Claims 1-46 are pending in this application. Claims 1-37, 39, 41, 43, and 45 are rejected. Claims 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 are objected to. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, to expedite issuance of this application, Applicant has amended Claims 32, 39, 41, 43, and 45 to include all the limitations of Claims 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46, respectively.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-7, and 32-37, 39, 41, 43, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application No. 09/670,055 issued to Moon et al. ("*Moon*"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,691,273 issued to Wagner et al. ("*Wagner*").

Without addressing the substance of the Examiner's rejection, as indicated above Applicant has amended independent Claims 32, 39, 41, 43, and 45 to include all the limitations of Claims 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46, respectively, which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 32, 39, 41, 43, and 45.

Furthermore, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-31 and 33-37. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is now moot. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

CONCLUSION

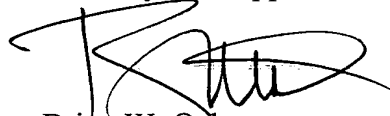
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicant hereby requests a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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